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FOCUS CONTROL SYSTEM

the specification of which (check one)



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was filed on _____ as Application Serial No. _____ and was amended on _____.

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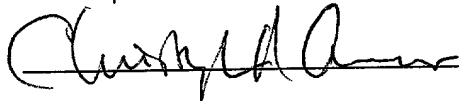
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